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### Leadership North Carolina Receives \$50,000 Grant From The Duke Energy Foundation

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*Raleigh* – Leadership North Carolina (LNC), the state's premier leadership engagement program, has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from The Duke Energy Foundation in support of LNC's economic development programming. Each year LNC holds a two-day session focused on economic development issues as part of its six-session program for leaders across the state. In recognition of this grant, the session for Class XXII (2014-2015) will be named the "Duke Energy Economic Development Session" and Duke Energy will be listed as a Carolina Sponsor of the LNC program. The Duke Energy Economic Development Session is scheduled for December 9-11, 2014, in Rutherford County.

"We are grateful for this grant and for the longtime partnership we have with Duke Energy," states Brian Etheridge, president of Leadership North Carolina. "Duke Energy has worked alongside us since Leadership North Carolina's inception. For LNC to achieve its mission, we need human and financial resources. Duke Energy has been a longtime partner of LNC on both fronts. Leaders at Duke Energy have invested in LNC by participating in the program, serving as presenters and area experts during sessions, providing leadership as members of our Board of Directors, and finding value in our work as sponsors since our early days."

#### About Leadership North Carolina

Leadership North Carolina's mission is to inform, develop, and engage committed leaders by broadening their understanding of and involvement in issues and opportunities facing North Carolina. Each year, through a rigorous selection process, LNC chooses a diverse class of established and emerging leaders from across the state to participate in its acclaimed program. Leadership North Carolina's classes are made up of top leaders from the government, business, nonprofit, and education sectors.

Over the course of six two-and-a-half day sessions, LNC participants learn about issues critical to the state through discussions with top officials and professionals, field trips, and experiential learning activities. LNC's sessions focus on five key areas: economic development, education, environment, government, and health and human services. Through LNC's program, participants gain new insight into North Carolina's strengths and challenges and develop their own action plans for ways they can improve and empower their communities and the state as a whole.

The Leadership North Carolina program cultivates a network of individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences who share a deep commitment to their state. There are more than 950 graduates of the program whose continued ties to LNC and to one another provide them with rich opportunities for serving North Carolina. LNC is an independent, nonpartisan, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: [www.leadershipnc.org](http://www.leadershipnc.org).

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